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1. Since the beginning of May, air photographs have been taken nightly over the outskirts of Zagreb. The photographic section is not located at the Borongaj airport, as prescribed in military regulations, but at 73 Maksimirska Street, Zagreb, to which address the films and plates are taken at night. Here the pictures are developed and printed through the night and then turned over immediately to the air command section of the Second Army on Savska Street. One half hour after the photographic plane has landed, the pictures are being studied. The air photographic flares used in these exercises are carried to the airport every evening by a special truck from Vrapce, where there is a pyrotechnic material warehouse containing aircraft photographic flares of various sizes, light-creating chemicals, electrical equipment, and very powerful searchlights.
2. A specialist in night photography, Second Lieutenant Bertheimer, a German, is in charge of these night exercises. His group takes a nightly average of between 10 and 15 photographs.
3. Over 300 air photographic flares were brought from Sisak over a month ago and are stored in wooden barracks near the Borongaj airport. These flares weight from 18 to 50 kilograms and are equipped with extended stabilizers, automatic time fuses, and small parachutes. They are reportedly 30 percent defective. The commission which was appointed in March to inspect them has not yet done so.

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